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## REMARKS

The present amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed on June 23, 2005. As stated in 37 CFR 1.313, and MPEP 1308, a petition to withdraw an application from issue is not required if a request for continued examination (RCE) is filed under § 1.114 prior to payment of the issue fee. A request for continued examination is filed herewith. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the present amendment be entered, and that the pending claims be considered by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully asserts that each of the claims are allowable over the prior art. Furthermore, the Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter is added by the present amendment.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

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